PORTLAND METHODIST CHURCHES WILL GO ON WAR BASIS

Great Patriotic Service Will Be Held in Public Auditorium Next Sunday.

THE Methodist churches of the United States are getting on a war basis.

To tell the people of Portland what is being done and to start the local workers out with all the enthusiasm befitting a great movement, a great patriotic city-wide Methodist service will be held in the Auditorium next Sunday, May 12, at 4 o'clock.

All evening services for that day are to be eliminated. James A. Bamford has been placed in charge of the musical programme for the service. Under his direction all the junior and adult choirs of the Methodist churches of the city will be marshalled together in a great chorus. The junior alone will be in surplice. Jasper D. MacFall, of the Sunnyside Church, will be the musical director of that service. Mrs. Gladys Morgan Farmer will be at the Auditorium organ. Miss Goldie Peterson will sing "There's a Long, Long Trail." Miss Harriet Leach will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." "Onward, Christian Soldiers," will be the processional hymn for the combined choirs.

Service Flags to Be Shown.

Under the direction of Scott Bozorth, who will be in charge of ushering, service flags from all the Methodist churches in the district will be suspended from the gallery. All churches in division 1 will be on the south side of the main aisle on the ground floor and the church members of the second division will be seated north of the center aisle. All the Methodist soldier boys from Vancouver and members of the Grand Army of the Republic are invited as special guests to be seated immediately in front of the stage. It is hoped that Bishop Matt S. Hughes may return from the East in time to speak. Dr. William Wallace Youngson, district superintendent, as regimental commander, will preside. The meeting is open to the public and all citizens and friends and the public in general are most cordially invited.

The National War Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed by the board of bishops, has opened headquarters in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., in order to serve the Methodist Church in everything that pertains to Methodism's responsible part in Christian war activities. The office is to be a clearing-house for the correlation of all war activities of the denomination. Every benevolent board in Methodism having special war responsibilities is represented in the war council and is heartily co-operating in all its plans.

Government to Be Aided.

The council is to work in close co-operation with the Government of the United States and as far as possible to mobilize the denomination and place it at the disposal of the Government.

The council will be the agents of Methodism in Washington in the interest of a militant patriotism. The month of May will be a patriotic demonstration month, in which every church in Methodism shall have a patriotic demonstration meeting, to climax on Sunday, May 19. May 12-19 is set apart for a thorough canvass of every Methdist family and sympathizer in every parish in Methodism to help get $1,000,000. Here is the total estimate:

Equipment for 100 chaplains at $1500	$ 150,000
Camp zone activities	300,000
Work of the W. H. M. S.	50,000
Work of the W. F. H. M. S.	50,000
French orphans	175,000
Hospital work in Italy	175,000
Work in Russia	100,000
Total	$1,000,000

Methodism is asking that every income-producing Methodist give to this war work fund as a minimum an amount equal to the income of Friday, May 17, 1918. This means an average day's work. It means the total income of the preceding year divided by 313 working days.

Work Is Discussed.

The weekly meeting of the Ministers' Association last Monday was given up wholly to the discussion of the work of the National War Council. The district superintendent, Dr. William Wallace Youngson, has been appointed regimental commander for the Portland district. He in turn has organized the district into two divisions, with Robert H. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, as adjutant, and Scott Bozorth as quartermaster-general. Each pastor in the city will be a colonel and two laymen from each church will be captains. The organization thus appointed is as follows:

Division No. 1.

Lieutenant Commander, Rev. Joshua Stansfield, First Church; captains, Amedee M. Smith and Elisha A. Baker.

Sunnyside Church—Colonel, R. E. Smith; captains, O. V. Badley and J. R. Ellison.

Mount Tabor Church—Colonel, E. O. Eldridge; captains, E. S. Brubaker and C. C. Miller.

Sellwood Church—Colonel, A. R. Maclean; captains, H. L. German and L. H. Alexander.

Laurelwood Church—Colonel, A. C. Brackenbury; captains, W. D. Lockwood and W. H. Gillis.

Woodstock Church—Colonel, L. C. Poor; captains, R. A. Linn and J. A. Bishop.

Clinton Kelly Church—Colonel, E. B. Lockhart; captains, W. R. Hawksley, and R. E. Allen, of Lincoln Church.

Montavilla—Colonel C. L. Hamilton; captains, I. C. Cunningham and W. H. Hamilton.

Lents Church—Colonel, F. M. Jasper; captains, G. E. Ohsfeldt and B. F. Voltz.

Linnton Church—Colonel, S. H. Dewart; captains, Charles Wilson and J. B. Schafer.

St. Helens Church—Colonel, A. S. Hisly; captains, Dr. L. G. Ross and Martin White.

Rainier Church—Colonel, J. J. Racey; captains, F. L. Hedges and Eli Davis.

Division No. 2.

Lieutenant Commander, T. W. Lane, Centenary Church; captains, O. C. Bortzmeyer and Dr. J. L. Hewitt.

Epworth Church—Colonel, C. O. McCulloch; captains, R. M. Speelman and S. H. Pomeroy.

Central Church—Colonel, C. C. Rarick; captains, J. W. Day and Dr. J. E. Hall.

Rose City Church—Colonel, A. A. Hist; captains, J. A. Bamford and W. L. Cornell.

University Park—Colonel, J. T. Abbett; captains, J. F. Haworth and E. E. Everts.

Woodlawn Church—Colonel, W. E. Kloster; captains, A. F. Flegel and Emil Janin.

Patton Church—Colonel, F. W. Keagy; captains, C. D. Lazenby and T. A. Hayes.

St. Johns Church—Colonel, J. H. Irvine; captains, W. R. Hallenbeck and W. J. Galloway.

Wilbur Church—Colonel, W. T. Kerr; captains, Samuel Connell and J. C. Roberts.

Astoria Church—Colonel W. S. Gordon; captains, P. J. Grix and G. C. Pauling.

Warrenton Church—Colonel, S. J. Kester; captains, F. M. Wilson and W. C. Wickline.

Seaside Church—Colonel, R. C. Blackwell; captains, Dr. W. E. Lewis and F. S. Godfrey.

Clatskanie—Colonel, S. D. Johnson.

By unanimous vote the ministers agreed to have a great city-wide Methodist patriotic service in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 12, at 4 o'clock.

Rev. C. C. Rarick. Mrs Gladys Morgan Farmer. Dr. C. O. McCulloch.

"Silent Condemnation," Sermon Topic at Trinity.

Evening Service Will Be Given Over to Patriotic Programme.

AT TRINITY CHURCH (Episcopal), Nineteenth and Everett streets, Dr. A. A. Morrison's subject this morning will be "Silent Condemnation," from Acts VIII:1—"Saul was consenting unto his death.

In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be a service of song, patriotic and religious airs, solos, etc., with a vested choir in attendance. Preceding this service the Good Fellowship Society meets at 7 o'clock in the parish house, adjoining the church, to which all young people are invited.

The morning services, preceding the 11 o'clock service, are holy communion at 8 o'clock in the chapel, and Sunday school at 9:45 in the parish house, at which all children of the neighborhood will be made welcome.

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The morning and evening services of the Comforter Truth Center will be held in the assembly room of the Portland Hotel at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The morning topic will be "The Light in the Pitcher," the evening, "Self-Healing." Miss Arline Scanlon will sing at the evening service and Mrs. Pearce at the morning. Mrs. Crawford will continue her classes during the week at the Portland Hotel, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject for Tuesday afternoon is "Parables Made Plain," and Thursday evening, "Instantaneous Healing." All meetings are open to the public.

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Sermons of special interest to the respective churches will be preached at the Clinton Kelly and Lincoln Methodist Episcopal churches today by the district superintendent, Rev. W. W. Youngson, D. D. Miss Ella Jane Walch will sing "The Prayer Perfect" in the evening at Lincoln, and Mrs. C. E. Carleton has arranged to sing a special number at the morning service. Rev. E. B. Lockhart expects large audiences at both services, as his congregations highly regard Dr. Youngson.

Rev. Rarick Returns From Extended Tour.

Central Methodist Church to Hold a Patriotic Programme.

AT Central M. E. Church, corner Vancouver and Fargo, the pastor, Rev. C. C. Rarick, has returned from an extended trip to Chicago and New York and will fill his pulpit this morning.

In the evening at 8 o'clock, the following missionary and patriotic programme will be presented:

"The Prayer," a true story of France, will be given by Wilbur Lucas, reader; Reo Mae Martin, mother; Mable Hudson, Edna Wantz, Emily Rudeen, Anna Zimmerman, Mildred Knudson, children, and two soldiers from Vancouver.

Reading, "Passed By," by Mrs. Wilbur Lucas.

"The Cross, Its Appeal, the Nation's Response," written by Mrs. Charles T. McPherson, will be given by the following: Reader, Eloise McPherson; organist, Eileen Sprague; soloists, Mrs. Mae Wright, Mrs. Helga Peterson, Misses Effie Tyrell and Myrtle Mortenson.

Other parts will be taken by Grace Soule, Ciara Soule, Dorothy Rarick, Edith Rarick, Margaret Alexander, Mary Barnard, Elsie Morris, Evelyn Sorenson, Helen Parker, Onita Wirts, Albert Carey and Herbert Carey.

This programme will close with a short missionary address by Mrs. Bevans, president of the Portland Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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Dr. Julia Seton will be in Portland May 15 and will lecture in the Lincoln High School that evening and again on May 19, speaking in the same place at 11 A. M. and 3 and 8 P. M. Dr. Seton is the organizer of the New Civilization Church at New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

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Dr. William A. Waldo, of the White Temple, enters this Sunday upon the fourth month of his pastorate in Portland. Dr. Waldo has shown his skill as an administrator in effecting several important organizations in the church, such as church messengers, personal workers, etc. During the past three months nearly 60 members have been brought into the church. One of the noticeable features of helpfulness in the White Temple is the large and enthusiastic prayer services that are being held each Thursday night. At 11 A. M. Sunday the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and the hand of fellowship given to the new members. Dr. Waldo will preach Sunday morning on the subject "Christian Unity" and in the evening on "The Golden Opportunity." The Temple quartet will render special music.

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Mrs. E. M. Spreng, of Cleveland, O., general president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association, will speak at the 11 o'clock service at the First Evangelical Church, East Sixth and Market streets, today. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. will be followed by a sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Hornschuch at 7:30.

Miss Harriet Leach.
—BAINES PHOTO.

Rodney-Avenue Church to Observe Anniversary.

Special Services Arranged to Commemorial Dedication.

THERE will be appropriate services today in recognition of the 24th anniversary of the dedication of the Rodney-Avenue Christian Church and the beginning of the 25th year since the pastor, Rev. J. F. Ghormley, began his work in Portland. Dr. Ghormley was called to dedicate this church from Montana, where he was doing special evangelistic work under the National society of the Christian women's board of missions.

"Looking Forward" will be the dominating thought at all the services. At the 11 A. M. worship, J. A. Melton will speak five minutes on "Local Obligations of the Church; C. H. Hendricks, five minutes on "The Church and the Five Thousand-Dollar Drive." The pastor will speak on "Will It Pay?" At 8 P. M. Dr. Ghormley's topic will be "The City of the Great King."

Special music will be as follows: Solo, Leroy Robinson, "Consider and Hear Me"; solo, Mrs. E. S. Rosenberg, "A Morning Prayer"; at the evening service, duet, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullen, "Sweeter as the Years Go By"; solo, "The Holy City," Mrs. C. H. Dougherty; anthem, chorus choir.

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Mrs. J. J. Handsaker will preach at 11 A. M. today in Laurelwood Congregational Church, Forty-fifth avenue East Sixty-fifth street Southeast.

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At 11 o'clock this morning at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church Dr. Robert H. Milligan will preach on "The Challenge of the Present Crisis." In the evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Milligan will preach on "The Courage of Jesus." This is one of a series of sermons on "The Manhood of the Master."

"Fight to a Finish," Topic of Sunday Sermon.

Men of First Methodist Church Plan Patriotic Dinner.

AT the First Methodist Church, this evening, Dr. Joshua Stansfield will speak on "A Fight to a Finish." He will take for his text the last words of Jesus, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." "Life comes to its crowning glory in conquest over evil and wrong. This is true of individuals, and of nations," Dr. Stansfield said yesterday in announcing his topic. "America will come to its highest and best character and life in finishing the war we are now in, and ending forever the tyranny of the German autocracy and militarism."

This morning the sermon will be on the "Symbolism of Sacrifice." This will be followed by the communion service.

Wednesday evening, May 8, the dinner by the men of First Church will be given. Recent members will be especially invited. Men will prepare and serve the dinner, after which a patriotic programme will be given. It is hoped to have one of the boys from the church who recently returned from the front lines in Flanders speak.

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May 12 will be Mothers' day.

This year, because of the war and all that it means to mothers, the day will have special significance. All churches should have special and appropriate programmes.

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At Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Thomas will speak tonight on "The Great God and the Great War."

Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp's chorus of young women will give a musical evening on Wednesday.

Ireland's Draft Resisters Are Termed Traitors.

Dr. Stanfield Says America Must Deal Bluntly With Question.

RESISTANCE to the draft in Ireland must be branded as traitorous as is opposition to the selective service procedure in America, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, in the event he comes to this country seeking support for his propaganda against the draft, should be bluntly given to understand this world-vital truth.

Such was the stand taken by Dr. Joshua Stansfield, preaching last Sunday night before his congregation of the First Methodist Church on "Militant Christianity."

Summarized in brief, this is what Dr. Stansfield said:

"If the Lord Mayor of Dublin should come to America and appeal to President Wilson for American support for some of the Irish people in resisting conscription into the allied armies in this hour of greatest need and severest challenge it is to be hoped that President Wilson may voice the deepest sentiment of American democracy and tell them that conscription in Great Britain is the selective draft in America and that any person or faction that should refuse to honor it by a prompt response would be promptly dealt with as a slacker, enemy alien or traitor.

To haggle for home rule now or any other reform at the expense of war loyalty and fullest service is the same low level of disloyal conduct as strikes in munitions plants, shipyards and other industries who seek to use the National emergency for their own ends.

"The Sinn Feiners of Ireland are the I. W. W. of the British Isles and there is only one attitude that America can take to such, and President Wilson knows what it is and will be able to state it clearly.

"Ireland's attitude in the present move is utterly anti-American. Any person, people or faction that will not take a place with the allies in this present war for world freedom and democracy true Americans must hold in contempt, and no subterfuges for their disloyalty will pass with true men."

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At the First Congregational Church Monday at 3 P. M., amid a beautiful floral display and a large concourse of friends, the last tribute of honor and respect was paid to the memory of the late Frederick Eggert. Dr. Hugh Pedley, the acting pastor of the church, and Rev. C. F. Clapp, of Washougal, Wash., officiated. Dr. Pedley, in his impressive manner, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Eggert, whom he characterized as "the man of integrity, the man who tried to follow the teachings of the Man of Galilee, one who was ever brave during the days and years of physical weakness and one who, though having laid life aside, has gone into life."

The services were beautiful and impressive, and the voices of the choir, Miss Bouchong, Mrs. Politz, W. A. Montgomery and W. J. Gill, in "Lead, Kindly Light," "As a Mother Comforteth Her Child" and "Peace, Perfect Peace," added much to the solemn sweetness of the service.

The honorary pallbearers were: Judge C. E. Wolverton, Frank M. Warren, J. K. Gill, Russell Sewall, P. A. Young, of Albany; R. P. Ballard, of Seattle; J. Purvine, W. Brazelton, Dr. H. C. Jefferds, C. W. King, P. S. Davidson, of Hood River, and E. L. Thompson. The active pallbearers were: H. S. Lewis, Carl Wilhelm, C. C. Byers, A. C. Anderson, Alfred Dysle and Louis Suetzer.

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"France and the Faith," the story of a young French soldier who fell on the field of honor at the age of 19, will be told at the Atkinson Memorial Church this evening at 8 o'clock. The story, gathered from his letters, depicts the daily life and surroundings of the soldiers of France.

In connection with the story will be shown by Rev. Warren Morse a set of French lantern slides loaned by President Foster, of Reed College, and being part of those gathered by him while in France recently.

These pictures cover a wide range, giving a realistic idea of the devastated regions, the life of the soldiers in the trenches, at the guns, in the observation posts and in the dugouts. They also show the process of fitting artificial limbs and the teaching of trades to the mutilated men. The splendid work for the blind is well treated.

Many other features of army life are pictured more eloquently than words can tell. At the morning service there will be the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

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"Holding Fast" will be Dr. W. E. Brinkman's sermon topic at St. James English Lutheran Church, West Park and Jefferson streets, this Sunday at 11 A. M. The sacrament of infant baptism will be administered at the same hour. The Sunday school is at 9:50 A. M. and the Luther League at 7 P. M. "The Menace of Mormonism" will be the subject. At 8 P. M. "What Is True Religion?" will be the subject. St. James Brotherhood will meet Tuesday night in the church parlors and all members are asked to attend.

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Special church and Sunday school related services will be held today in Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church. Regular Sunday school, 9:45 A. M. and at 11 A. M. Installation of officers and teachers of the school. Sermon, "A Teacher Sent From God," 8 P. M. Special music by the Sunday school pupils; male quartet, "Guide, O Thou Great Jehovah"; girls' chorus, "I Look Beyond"; "Some Day," by Sunday school chorus; "Echoes From the State Convention."

Disciples of Christ Pass $1,000,000 Mark.

Christian Churches Plan Series of Rallies in County.

REPORTS of the war emergency drive among the Disciples of Christ of America indicate that the churches already have passed the $1,000,000 mark. The goal is $2,500,000 by July 4.

The main public appeal for subscriptions in the Christian churches of Portland and vicinity will be made on the second Sunday in May. Active preparations are being made in each congregation, and the outlook for the drive is encouraging. Rev. Harold H. Griffis and his team of six speakers will hold rallies on Thursday evening at Sellwood and Friday evening at Corbett. One small congregation has already responded with a pledge of $500.

At the First Christian Church, corner Park and Columbia, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Griffis, will have for his theme this morning "Decay of Faculty Through Disuse of Function," and in the evening he will speak on "Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation," the third in the series of Sunday evening addresses on "The Evolution of the Church."

Dean McCollister to Be in St. Stephen's Pulpit.

Annual Meeting of Pro-Cathedral to Be Held Tomorrow Evening.

DEAN McCOLLISTER expects to be sufficiently recovered from his recent throat operation to take charge of the services today at St. Stephen's.

Tomorrow evening, May 6, the annual meeting of the Pro-Cathedral will be held in the church at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted and a new chapter elected for the year.

On Friday afternoon, May 10, the diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet in the hall at the Pro-Cathedral.

The annual convention of the diocese will be held at the Pro-Cathedral, May 28 and 29. The Woman's Auxiliary will meet May 27 at St. David's Church.

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Rev. J. D. Boyd will preach on "The Roman Letter" at Woodlawn Christian Church this morning.

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Rev. H. Edward Mills, of the Realization League, will speak today at 11 A. M. in Women of Woodcraft Hall and at 8 P. M. at 186 Fifth street.

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Dr. E. H. Pence will return from Camp Lewis to preach in Westminster pulpit this morning and evening. The morning subject will pursue some remarkable disclosures in the Scriptures of the inner self. In the evening Conningsby Dawson's great book, "The Glory of the Trenches," will be reviewed. For sheer humanly practical qualities or for high vision this book must rank as one of the great classics, Dr. Pence believes.

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Rev. R. H. Sawyer, pastor of the East Side Christian Church, attended the conference of Yamhill County Christian churches which was held at McMinnville the latter part of the week. Rev. Mr. Sawyer delivered an address before the conference on Friday night.

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"Witnesses, False and True," will be the theme of the morning sermon at the East Side Christian Church, and in the evening the subject will be "Law and Life." The minister, Rev. R. H. Sawyer, will preach at both services. There will be special music by the chorus choir under the direction of Claire Dougherty.

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The First Congregational Church will observe communion service today at 10:30 o'clock, which will be a special rally of all the resident members, and also reception of new members. "There is need of a thorough spiritual awakening during these strenuous days, and the church needs to keep the spiritual fires burning brighter than ever before," said Dr. Pedley. The subject this morning will be "The Church of the Flaming Heart." Evening service will be held at 7:45 and Dr. Pedley will take for his theme "The Reasonableness of

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NATION'S OPPORTUNITY IN TIME OF WAR DECLARED GREAT

Dr. W. A. Waldo, Pastor of White Temple, Draws Contrast Between Immensity of God and Insignificance of Man in Sunday Morning Sermon.

BY DR. W. A. WALDO,
Pastor of White Temple.

IT HAS been said that "the heart of Europe is Britain, and the heart of Britain is London, and the heart of London is Westminster Abbey." May it not also be truly said that the heart of the world is America, and the heart of America is the church, and the heart of the church is Christ himself.

Dr. C. M. Patton, of the American board of missions, in discussing certain elements of an effective speech, gave the following outline:

He said, "Effective speech must be made up of—

"Facts.
"Big facts.
"Human facts.
"Related facts."

These suggestions apply not only to speeches, but to arguments which are to make an effective appeal to men. There is no subject where these elements can be better applied than to the evangelization of the world for Christ.

The missionary enterprise has facts, big facts, human facts, related facts.

Ours is a missionary opportunity because of cerain elements that we possess over every other nation of the world.

Ours is a missionary opportunity—

1. Because of the ever-increasing demand for world liberty.

If there is anything that has distinguished the history of the United States in its past above another it is liberty.

Liberty the Keynote.

Liberty is the keynote of this great Nation, and every citizen of the United States can proudly re-echo in his heart the words of "America":

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of Liberty.

If you will note carefully the events in history and particularly of the wars of the United States, in which of course in every conflict we have been conquerors, you will discover that freedom of the people has been the objective. The United States has waged several great warfares, and in each case has won a notable victory.

The War of the Revolution was for the freedom of the colonies.

The War of 1812 was for the freedom of the seas, in which my own great-grandfather surrendered his life; and at this moment Germany is ruthlessly and perversely trying to take this rightful heritage from the world.

The war with the Indians was for the freedom of civilization.

The war with Mexico was for the freedom of the borders.

The Civil War (war with the South) was for the freedom of man.

The war with Spain was for the freedom of Cuba and the Philippines.

The war of today is for the freedom of the world.

On the way to New Orleans, Abraham Lincoln, when quite a young man, looking over on to the cotton fields and beholding the slaves in the hot sun, said to his companions: "If I ever get a chance, some day I will hit that thing a fearful blow," and we verily know that he put into practice what was in his heart.

America's Part Important.

The entry of the United States into the war is a tremendous fact, a big fact, which will undoubtedly have its effect upon all subsequent history.

Before the war the United States had become potentially the greatest country in the world.

The full strength of the United States is not yet mobilized for war. That will be done as the war advances.

The United States did not take this decision until Germany's action in the war made it imperative, but then they took it with a clearness and emphasis and a declaration of principle that will be one of the landmarks in all subsequent history. The decision of the United States was slow and deliberate.

President Wilson said recently that "this is a conflict for human liberty." This is the purpose of the forces of the allies—to give liberty not simply to any one section, but, including Germany, to the entire world.

This is so closely allied with Christian liberty and born out of Christian liberty, that it opens the way for evangelistic and missionary effort in our own country, which is an index of the larger benefits that will be derived in religious liberty throughout the entire world.

Democracy American Germ.

Democracy is an American germ. This is the only soil on earth where democracy has had free access. Here alone the air has never been tainted by despotism. Democracy is beginning to prevail everywhere in the modern world.

Today the very elements of our American ideals are jeopardized because of the despotism that is being foisted upon the nations of the earth.

North America has shown an international boundary without a parallel anywhere else in the world. Four thousand miles of mountain, prairie, lake and river unfortified save by the strongholds of international public opinion and loyalty. At that boundary line the world's greatest empire and the world's greatest Republic have rubbed shoulders for over one hundred years without any menace of arms or hostility.

Just before Mr. Gladstone passed into the eternal world he said, "I am inclined to think that the future of America is of greater importance to Christendom than that of any other country."

Theodore Roosevelt, on his return from his European trip a few years ago, told us how the world was watching our experiment in self-government.

Freedom Is Fostered.

Freedom of thought and freedom of speech and freedom of action and soul liberty we have fostered and guarded most arduously. The commendation of these is realized the world over, and is an inroad for the gospel of our democracy and the gospel of our religious liberty, and which is bound to make its way to every nation of the world. Out of the Christian Colonies of America was this great Nation brought forth:

The Puritans of New England.
The Quakers of Pennsylvania.
The Presbyterians of North and South Carolina.
The Hugunots of the south Atlantic seaboard.
The Episcopalians of Virginia.
The Baptists of Rhode Island.

From these, with others, was America born, born in the blazing light of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, as likewise in the shadow of the cross of the world's Redeemer; as someone has said, "A Nation with a church in every valley and a school on every hilltop."

A foreigner in visiting the United States reported back to his country six things that made America great:

1. The Protestant religion.
2. Religious and civil liberty.
3. The open Bible and the open church.
4. General education.
5. Universal franchise.
6. The Christian Sabbath.

These are the things that have made us great and I want to say that these are the things that will keep us great.

But I pass to note again that ours is a missionary opportunity.

2. Because of the ever-increasing growth of our American population.

Population Increase Big.

Josiah Strong points out that our population has increased 1300 per cent in one hundred years. There has never been an immigration known in any part of the world compared to ours in the last 50 years. Eighty-five per cent of the population of Cleveland are foreigners, either born in foreign countries or born from foreign parents. In the city of Paterson, N. J., of 10 people that you meet on the street, eight of them are foreigners. A few months ago my friend, Dr. Parker, of the University of Chicago, and I, at the noon hour purposely, walked down Fifth avenue from Twenty-third street to Forty-eighth street, in New York City, and we judged that we passed 25,000 men coming forth from their shops and places of business; and not one out of 100 were Americans.

The ever-increasing growth of our American population of peoples from every country of the world is the greatest problem that the United States has today. Because of this tremendous foreign population the secret of the salvation of the entire world rests with America.

Great Men Quoted.

Two great men have said two great things:

Austin Phelps says, "As goes America, so goes the world."

Josiah Strong says, "Save America and you save the world."

The Methodist bishops, under their combined signatures, have said to the Methodists of America, "America for Christ means the world for Christ."

Josiah Strong has aptly said, "The foreign population will either heathenize us or we will Christianize the foreign population."

These foreigners get their idea of civil and religious liberty from us. They are constantly returning to their fatherland, either with the note of condemnation upon our democracy or with a commendation of democracy as a civilizing and Christianizing force.

Vast Population Next Door.

We have these vast populations with us at our next door, and this ever-increasing multitude is a missionary opportunity for us today.

The words of Joshua to Israel is the word of God to us today, "Go ye in and possess the land."

But I want to proceed further and say that ours is a missionary opportunity—

3. Because of our ever-increasing National resources.

During the last 50 years the wealth of the United States has increased 1300 per cent.

Our territory is vast in its material resources. If all the people of the United States were packed into the state of Texas it would then be no more thickly settled than England is today.

A scientific agriculturist has recently said that if the rich lands of America were scientifically worked this country would be capable of supplying the entire world with food for the next 10 years.

America World's Banker.

By our great wealth we are fast becoming the bankers of the world, and we are now the inventors of the world; we are the manufacturers of the world; we are the traders of the world; and with the vast sums of money that we have invested in educational institutions we shall soon become the scholars of the world; and while we have not been tested as severely as some nations, we will prove ourselves to be the soldiers of the world; and yet we are now in our infancy.

As the material world looks upon us it points to us and says, "Do you see those Americans? As goes America, so goes the world."

With our vast resources America will either prove to be the world's greatest curse or the world's greatest blessing. Consecrated money is the crying need of the world today.

America with its vast material resources is capable of giving the gospel to the entire world and bringing to pass that wonderful day when the world will recognize Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Josiah Strong has aptly said, "America holds the future."

American Opportunity Great.

The greatest missionary opportunity ever given to a nation is now in the hands of the American people.

This Nation is beginning to find its way to God, and manifold instances of tenderness are seen everywhere throughout our American life.

When Columbus discovered America in 1492 it was said that America was the new world.

God, through this war, is bringing nations as well as individuals to repentance, and we are now going through the crucible of affliction, and "when he hath tried us we shall come forth as gold." We are just approaching what may be said to be another new world.

The delay of victory may be God's way of trying us and bringing us to real repentance.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.

And it seems to me that not until England has given up her strong drink, and France her lasciviousness, and America her greed for money, will this purifying process be complete. Tennyson has said,

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

In these times the American people are beginning to realize that this is true and to recognize the God of our fathers as the center of all, and we are offering that prayer day by day, so dear to the heart of our martyred President, McKinley,

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to Thee.

and we are studiously and devotedly learning some of the great lessons of our religion.

Great Lessons Learned.

I want to mention two of these in this consideration:

First, a new aspect of the true meaning of prayer.

The people of America are beginning to call upon God for the help that we require at this time.

Our honorable Mayor of this city, Mr. Baker, in an address at the First Baptist Church at the reception of the new pastor last Monday night, said, "This Nation needs one thing more than anything else and that is God, and the American people require one element above everything else and that is the gospel of Jesus our Lord."

We are glad to hear this Christian note from a man at the head of affairs in our city. What may be said of the Mayor may be said of our honored and much esteemed President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, who has called upon the people of this Nation to look to God in this time of greatest need.

A minister of the Gospel has recently said, "I would like to see great and small gatherings for prayer in all our cities and towns." If we are fighting in a righteous war, and I believe we are, we ought to take it up to God for his blessing and guidance.

The meeting for prayer should be today a reservoir of tremendous power. Multiply meetings of this kind throughout our land and call upon people to be every day not only in public, but in private in prayer, and we will realize that the old saying is correct, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

God Can Manifest Himself.

God can manifest himself in and through this war. He can change the mind of the German people; he can purify the motives of every nation and exalt the interests of world democracy. He can even make the wrath of man to praise him. He can stay the slaughter of the Armenians and he can bring good out of seeming disaster. This Nation is learning this element of our religion more perfectly than ever before and the people of this great republic are now waiting upon God and calling upon him to assist us in this righteous and holy objective of giving the gospel of democracy to the world, which is an opening to the grander gospel of religious liberty to all mankind. Well has Christ said, "If the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Second, a new aspect of the true meaning of sacrifice.

Tremendous have been the sacrifices that have been made since the commencement of this war with all our allied nations—England has shown that in a magnificent way. She has kept up her every missionary enterprise, has given more money to the evangelization of the world during this time of the war than in any part of her history; Canada has exceeded her previous record in the sacrifices that have been made; America has done the same. The Red Cross movement, the drives by different denominations for the benefit of the soldiers and the missionary enterprises have exceeded anything that the world has ever known. Heretofore we did not know the meaning of sacrifice as we know it now.

Soldier's Heroism Related.

Captain Cameron, pastor of the Bloor-Street Baptist Church of Toronto, one of our Baptist ministers who is engaged in associational work in France, upon his recent visit to Canada meeting soldiers, related this incident—that he met a soldier returning from the firing line with his hand blown off. The captain extended his sympathy; then the soldier replied, "O, that's all right, Captain; I offered my life to Canada and she has only taken my hand—I'm lucky."

When I think of sacrifice, two objects come before me; the one is the soldier boy, multiplied a million times and more in our own country, leaving the "home fires," bidding father and mother, and sisters and brothers farewell, and stepping out into the life of a soldier, with the determination of serving his country and if necessary to give his life in order for world liberty. I think of this as one of the greatest sacrifices conceivable to humanity. There is only one greater that I have known and that is the sacrifice that the great brother of humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord, made upon Calvary in order to bring religious liberty to the entire world.

It seems to me with these things in mind, no Christian can follow him with lukewarm devotion, but with the tremendous opportunities that are now presented to the church of Jesus, will give our best and our all to him who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."